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We're Here to Help

One of the central missions of the Statewide Planning Program is to enable cities and towns to create great communities. The staff of the Statewide Planning Program is here to help, with everything from document review to data gathering, fact checking to facilitation. Our staff has expertise in a variety of topics, including GIS and mapping, public participation, data analysis, redevelopment planning and urban design. If you think your community could benefit from the assistance of the Statewide Planning Program, contact Jared Rhodes at 222-5772 or Jared.Rhodes@doa.ri.gov.

Sustainable Communities Consultant Team Announced

The Division of Planning introduced the Horsley Witten Group as the lead consultant for Rhode Island's Sustainable Communities initiative at the Sustainable Communities Consortium meeting on Wednesday, April 24, 2013.

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Horsley Witten will head up a multidisciplinary team that includes Jamestown-based Mapping and Planning Services and leading national and regional firms, Place-Matters, Goody Clancy, Nelson\Nygard Consulting Associates, 4Ward Planning, and Bonnie Heudorfer Housing and Community Development Consulting.
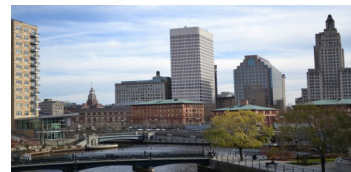
The team will be working with the Division of Planning, the Consortium, and other partners on all areas of the project, including the development of new statewide economic development, housing, and growth center plans.

The Governor's Office issued a press release that provides more detail on Horsley Witten and its team.

Now that Rhode Island has hired a consultant team for Sustainable Communities, it will move quickly into the initial phases of the planning process, including data gathering, stakeholder interviews, and public engagement.

More details will come over the next month, but in the meantime please do not hesitate to contact Melanie Army (melanie.army@doa.ri.gov) or Chris Witt (chris.witt@doa.ri.gov) if you have any questions.

Division of Planning Committee Meetings

State Planning Council
Scheduled for May 9, 2013 at 9:00 a.m. in Conference Room A on the second floor of the Justice William E. Powers Building; Department of Administration; One Capitol Hill; Providence. Web address
http://www.planning.ri.gov/council/planningcouncil/

Technical Committee
Scheduled for May 3, 2013 at 9:00 a.m. in Conference Room A on the second floor of the Justice William E. Powers Building; Department of Administration; One Capitol Hill; Providence. Web address
http://www.planning.ri.gov/council/technical/

Transportation Advisory Committee
Schedule for May 23, 2013 at 6:30 p.m., Conference Room A on the second floor of the Justice William E. Powers Building; Department of Administration; One Capitol Hill; Providence. Web address:
http://www.planning.ri.gov/council/transportation

News

http://www.edc.uri.edu/
rigis/about/calendar.html
for more info.

Esri: Northeast Education GIS Users Group Meeting
(Thu, 5/2 from 9am-4pm in Middleton, MA)

NEARC: Spring Conference
(Tue, 5/14 from 8am-5pm in Amherst, MA)

URI: Introduction to GIS - training class
(Tue-Thu, 5/21-23 from 8:30am-4pm at URI Kingston Campus)

URI: Using ArcGIS.com - training class (Thu, 5/30 from 8:30am-12:30pm at URI Kingston Campus)

New Reports on Equity and the Economy

Rhode Island's Sustainable Communities Regional Planning Grant has been producing data analyses that explore the status of Rhode Island's economy and the disparities experienced by residents in accessing economy opportunity and other regional assets. These data analyses, which will support the development of a regional plan for sustainable development, are highlighted in the April and May Census Data Bulletins. The April bulletin explores the changing demographics in the state and the ways in which the recession and unemployment have unequally affected Rhode Islanders. The May bulletin looks at a variety of indicators of the health and sustainability of the state's economy, examining where exactly the state leads the nation and where it lags. These Bulletins and other recent editions are available on the new Division of Planning website at http://www.planning.ri.gov/geodeminfo/data/bulletin.php

Online Census Trainings

The U.S. Census is offering several online trainings on basic and advanced Census data topics over the next two months. Registration information and webinar descriptions are available in the upper left corner of the Training Events page at http://www.census.gov/mso/www/training/training_events.html. These webinars have a finite number of slots available, so you may want to register early to make sure you are able to participate.

* The Current Population Survey & Survey of Income and Program Participation
(May 8, 1:00 - 3:00 EDT)
* Population Estimates and Projections
(May 22, 1:00 - 2:30 EDT)
* Customized Searching Through DataFerrett
(May 29, 1:00 - 3:30 EDT)
* How to Navigate American FactFinder
(June 19, 1:00 - 3:00 EDT)
* Government Statistics

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AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE CLASSES **$199**

URI Providence Campus: Instructor: James Smith*

*James Smith is deaf and has been teaching sign language in a variety of different programs for the past 12 years.

- **ASL (1)** WED MAY 1-JULY 17 from **5:30-7:30 pm.**

- **ASL (2)** THURS MAY 2-JULY 25 (NO CLASS JULY 4) from **5:30-7:30 pm.** (Prerequisite: completion of ASL I)

No previous experience is required. Our classes welcome adults & students (grades 8-12 & college).

These classes are designed to be conversational and you will be an ACTIVE learner.

You will communicate with your classmates and instructor in ASL to the best of your ability from day one.

PURCHASE TEXT ONLINE: Required Text: ***Signing Naturally Level 1: Student Set*** (Book & DVD), Ken Mikos, Cheri Smith and Ella Mae Lentz, ISBN: 978-1-58121-127-6
This can be found online from a variety of sellers approximate cost **$50. 00**.

Download a **Registration form** from our website: http://www.uri.edu/prov/certificate_noncredit/noncredit/asl.html

Credit card and check payments accepted.

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Private Well Workshop Calendar

Private Well Workshop Calendar, Programs are held 7 - 9 PM.
Wednesday, May 1, 2013, Cross Mills Public Library, 4417 Old Post Road, Charlestown, RI

Pre-registration is required for workshops as space is limited. Programs are free.
Call (401) 874-4918 to register. Programs are 7 - 9 PM.
During the workshop you will learn how you can protect your private well through:
Regular testing, Private well maintenance, Good housekeeping practices for your well
The workshops are hosted by the Rhode Island Department of Health and the University of Rhode Island's Cooperative Extension Water Quality Program.

Protect Your Family
Test Your Well's
Water Quality

1. **Using ArcGIS.com: Maps and Geographic Data on the Web Dates: May 30, 2013;**
    8:30 AM - 12:30 PM, Registration Fee : $100

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Summary: This is a half-day training program that will introduce you to ESRI's FREE online mapping applications available at ArcGIS.com and give you the tools to access the volumes of data being served from RIGIS which are easily accessible in this interface.

Explore ready to use map services from RIGIS and others (hundreds of maps!)

•   Query existing data
•   Build your own maps using readily available data from RIGIS and other sources
•   Create your own data (import: .csv, .txt, addresses, .gpx, heads-up digitizing)
•   Share your maps via e-mail, Facebook, Twitter or embed the code into your own website

ArcGIS Online, services developed by ESRI that allow users to upload, download, and create data. Users may choose to make their map data public or limit access by using groups. **Requirements:** This course is intended for those interested in working with geographic data and requires only a modest level of technical skill.
No prior GIS knowledge is necessary!
Participants will:

•   Create a customized ArcGIS Online map
•   Become comfortable with the ArcGIS.com interface
•   Learn to access the RIGIS ArcGIS Server maps
•   Use tools to create layers on your custom map
•   Import .csv files with location data (x,y, address) on to map
•   Import Shapefiles on to an ArcGIS.com map
•   Learn how to share a map via email, Facebook, Twitter or by embedding it into own website.

2. Introduction to GIS : Dates: May 21-23, 2013; 8:30 AM - 4:00 PM, Registration Fee: $750

Summary: This three-day hands-on computer course provides an introduction to the capabilities of GIS. Using ESRI's ArcGIS 10.1 , software, we teach the fundamentals of working with GIS data, how to query a GIS database, edit spatial and attribute data and how to present data using maps, reports, and graphs. We also work extensively with the Rhode Island Geographic Information System (RIGIS) database.

All students receive hands-on software instruction, course books with exercises with accompanying training data. Upon successful completion of the course, students receive a **URI Certificate of Course Completion**. Classes are taught at URIs Kingston campus.

Requirements: Participants should be comfortable working in a windows environment. Please visit ESRI's training website and try this free course on **Getting Started with GIS (for ArcGIS 10)** This will provide you with a comprehensive introduction to the topics that will be covered in the three-day course.

Topics Covered:

•   Geospatial data types: storage and management
•   Introduction to the ArcMap interface: toolbars, pop-up / drop-down menu
•   How to display, symbolize, label geospatial data
•   Using ArcGIS.com basemaps and other internet map services
•   Printing and exporting maps
•   Creating and Editing geospatial data
•   How to perform attribute and spatial queries
•   Creating X,Y location data, spatial analysis (overlay)
•   Accessing the RIGIS data catalog

For more information and to register online, please visit: http://geospatial.uri.edu/training/